

LIGHT AND FOG SIGNAL, HOG ISLAND SHOAL, RHODE  
ISLAND.

JANUARY 30, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state  
of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CORLISS, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,  
submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 4978.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was  
referred the bill (H. R. 4978) for the establishment of a light and fog-  
signal station on or near Hog Island Shoal, Narragansett Bay, Rhode  
Island, beg leave to submit the correspondence from the Treasury  
Department showing the necessity of this legislation, and recommend  
that the bill do pass.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, D. C., May 21, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your committee,  
of May 20, 1896, inclosing H. R. bill No. 4978, "for the establishment of a light and fog-  
signal on or near Hog Island Shoal, Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island," and asking  
suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

In reply, I beg leave to say that the matter was referred to the Light-House Board  
for consideration and report.

The Light-House Board replies that it recommended, on page 62 of its annual  
report for 1895, that the light vessel now at Hog Island Shoal be replaced by a light-  
house, at an estimated cost of \$35,000; that it further recommended, in its estimates,  
which are printed in the current Book of Estimates, on page 179, that an appropri-  
ation of this amount be made therefor.

The Board, therefore, has no objection to the passage of this bill.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. HAMLIN, *Acting Secretary.*

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,  
*House of Representatives.*